

# **Santa Barbara Open Water Challenge**

## **National Championship Regatta & Down River Distance Race**

Tilghman Island, MD - Easton, MD

September 29 – October 1

This may be the first ever Santa Barbara regatta in our region or it may just be the first in a really long time. Whatever the case, after traveling 25,000 miles to attend the last five S/B Nationals, we are thrilled to host you on the Eastern Shore of Maryland at two of the most beautiful venues you can imagine for racing Santa Barbaras.

We will be the guests of Dave Branning and Elaine Hepkin at the Tilghman on Chesapeake Yacht Club and Marina, our venue for the National Championship Regatta. The Santa Barbaras were designed for big open water like you'll get here. Many regattas in several different classes have been held at Tilghman on Chesapeake. Now it's the Santa Barbara's turn.

After racing for the National Championship, our focus on Sunday will switch to the Down River Distance Race. While we've all raced around the buoys, few have had the chance to distance race with each skipper in a separate power boat. Thanks to the hospitality of our hosts, Rosemary and Roger Baldwin, it's your turn to take on distance racing. There is nothing else like this in our sport.

Though the regattas are two separate events, they will make for one spectacular weekend.

Welcome to our playground.

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**Rules:** The regattas will be governed by the rules as defined in the current edition of Racing Rules of Sailing, as modified by Appendix E, the Sailing instructions, the Santa Barbara class rules and by local conditions as necessary.

**Eligibility:** The regattas are open to all AMYA members in good standing who are sailing a properly registered and measured Santa Barbara. All boats are subject to inspection at any time during or after the regatta. Entries from skippers outside the USA may be accepted providing both yacht and skipper are properly registered with their national authority.

#### **Schedule:**

**Thursday:** Check in and Practice  
Tilghman on Chesapeake YC & Marina  
21610 Island Club Road, Tilghman, MD 21671  
Noon – 4pm

**Friday & Saturday** **National Championship Regatta**  
Tilghman on Chesapeake YC & Marina  
21610 Island Club Road, Tilghman, MD 21671

***NOTE:** Tilghman Island has a draw bridge. It is a busy bridge so allow a few minutes of wait time for a possible opening.*

Skippers Meeting begins at 9:30am  
Races Begin at 10:00am  
Mid-day Lunch break  
Racing will continue with no race start after 4pm  
Dinners will be “Dutch Treat” in the area

**Sunday:** **Distance Race**  
Roger & Rosemary Baldwin’s backyard.  
7885 Avon Court, Woodland Farms, Easton, MD 21601  
Skipper’s Meeting begins at 11:00am followed by lunch  
First Gun at Noon

The race committee reserves the right to alter the schedule and make verbal changes to the Sailing Instructions.

**Entry:** Eligible competitors may register their boat by completing the online entry form on or before 9/01/2017. The National Championship has no limit on

the number of entries. The Down River Distance Race is limited to the first 16 entries due to logistical constraints.

**Course Area:** National Championship racing will take place in the tidal water off the Tilghman on Chesapeake Yacht Club and Marina. The Down River Distance Race will take place on the Tred Avon River, Easton MD. Unless you fall off either dock, these should be dry launch locations.

**Fleet Management and Scoring:**

The Regatta may be conducted using the racing portion of the Equal Opportunity Racing System (EORS) with a fleet promotion and relegation process. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.

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## What to Expect:

### National Championship Regatta - Tilghman Island, MD

Tilghman on Chesapeake Yacht Club and Marina has heated bathrooms and showers.

The pool may even be open if the weather cooperates.

You'll find the locals eating breakfast at Two If By Sea Restaurant on Tilghman Island.

Lunch will be served in the club house around mid day.

Drinks will be available all day.

Launching will be from a floating dock.

Sailing will be done from an elevated position allowing for a long course

The scale of this venue is amazing with the far shore is over the horizon.

You'll be challenged by a light tidal flow, some swells and the occasional boat wake.

This will be true open water racing.

### Down River Distance Race - Easton, MD

We'll be setting up and starting from Rosemary and Roger Baldwin's compound which has everything we need for this event.

We'll start with lunch and the Skipper's meeting before manning the chase boats.

Chase boats and operators will be provided for our traveling sailors.

At the skipper's meeting, charts of the course will be handed out and the two start sequence will be explained.

Drinks will be provided to take onboard for the race.

Launching will be either from a floating dock or from a boat.

First gun will be at Noon unless it isn't.

There is only one race and it should take between 2-3 hours to complete.

## Logistics

Airports to Easton, MD by car – BWI 1:10, Reagan National 1:30, Dulles 1:45, Philadelphia 2:00

Forward Air, a trucking company with depots near all major airports, is who we have used for shipping with very good damage free results.

We should be able to help with pick up and return if needed. Basically, if you need help on this end, just let us know.

Dave Ramos, Chesapeake Performance Models, has offered shop space for anyone needing room to reassemble or repair boats. This is worth a visit even if you don't need repairs.

## Lodging

The two sailing venues, Tilghman Island and Easton, MD, are about 35 minutes apart from each other. So, with regard to lodging, you have a choice to make. There is the option to stay in one of the venue towns or choose to stay right between them in St. Michaels, home of the Chesapeake Maritime Museum and most likely location for at least one group dinner. In addition to the listed options, there are Bed & Breakfasts available in all three towns.

St. Michaels: [St. Michaels Inn](#)

This is 15 minutes from Tilghman sailing venue and 20-25 minutes from The Baldwin Compound. Close to restaurants for our evening events.

1228 S. Talbot St  
St. Michaels, MD 21663  
They have 92 rooms  
410-745-3333

Tilghman Island: **Knapps Narrows Marina and Inn:** <http://knappsnarrowsmarina.com/>

On the water at 6176 Tilghman Island Rd., Tilghman, MD 21671  
410-886-2720

Marker 5 Restaurant for lunch and dinner choice is on the property. We will not have a group dinner here but that doesn't mean the food isn't good.

On the water at Knapps Narrows and 3-5 minutes from Friday/Saturday sailing venue and 35 minutes to Sunday's venue at the Baldwin Compound.

**VRBO Home Rental:** [Vacation Rental By Owner](#)

There are homes in Tilghman and close by that are quite reasonable

Easton: **Fairfield Inn and Suites:** [Fairfield Inn and Suites Easton](#)

8945 Sunflower Drive, Easton, MD  
410-822-0050

This property is really nice on Route 50 near the Easton Diner and restaurants. It is 35 minutes from the sailing venue on Friday and Saturday and 10 minutes from The Baldwin Compound

- Holiday Inn Express, [Easton](#)
- Hampton Inn: [Hampton Inn Easton, MD](#)
- Bartlett Pear Inn (upscale B&B): [Bartlett Pear Inn](#)
- Tidewater Inn (upscale Historic hotel): [Tidewater Inn Easton, MD](#)

Days Inn (2-3 star older place and less expensive): [Days Inn Easton, MD](#)

## Registration

These are two separate regattas with one \$75 entry fee. Lunch will be provided all three days of racing.

The number of entries to the National Championship Regatta is unlimited. The Down River Distance Race will be limited to the first 16 boats entered. All other skippers will be placed on the waiting list and invited to team up with one of the entrants. The Down River Race should be considered a team effort with everyone onboard not only allowed to sail the boat, but highly encouraged to do so.

Chase boats and operators will be supplied to our traveling sailors for the Down River Race. Your entry fee covers lunch for your chase boat operator, but not your guests. We'll deal with guest lunch fees in September when that picture becomes clearer.

**All registration is done online - The entry deadline is September 1, 2017**

Registration Link: <https://www.jotformpro.com/form/63626402044953?preview=true>